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**Clerk
District Court
The Northern Mariana Islands**

By Hand Delivery

The Honorable Alex R. Munson
Chief Judge
United States District Court
for the Northern Mariana Islands
P.O. Box 500687
Saipan, MP 96950

Re: Appointment of Counsel for Antonio Masga

Dear Judge Munson:

As part of an ongoing investigation, the DEA has information that Antonio Masga has participated in drug trafficking and has information regarding other drug trafficking in the CNMI. Diane Cabrera defended Mr. Masga in a recent CNMI case as court-appointed counsel. I would like to speak to Mr. Masga to discuss a federal plea agreement and possible future cooperation. However, before I do, he should be represented by an attorney who can competently defend him in federal court.

I have spoken to Attorney Cabrera, who is not a member of the federal CJA panel. She has had Mr. Masga complete a federal CJA financial affidavit, a copy of which is attached. Mr. Masga appears to qualify for court-appointed counsel in federal court. I ask that you consider appointing an attorney for him as soon as possible.

Presently, Mr. Masga is in the custody of the CNMI Department of Corrections. He can also be reached through Attorney Cabrera, whose number is 288-5128.

An attorney believed to have a conflict of interest is Stephen Woodruff.

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For The Northern Mariana Islands
By _____ **(Deputy Clerk)**

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

LEONARDO M. RAPADAS
United States Attorney
Districts of Guam and the NMI

By:


TIMOTHY E. MORAN
Assistant U.S. Attorney

enc.

cc: Diane Cabrera, Esq. (by facsimile, 234-7256)

FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT

CJA 231

IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY, EXPERT OR OTHER COURT SERVICES WITHOUT PAYMENT OF FEE. REV. 1/90

IN UNITED STATES
IN THE CASE OF☐ MAGISTRATE ☐ DISTRICT ☐ APPEALS COURT or ☐ OTHER PANEL (Specify below)

FOR

AT

LOCATION NUMBER

VS.

PERSON REPRESENTED (Show your full name)

ANTONIO MUNA MASGA

CHARGE/OFFENSE (describe if applicable & check box →)

☐ Felony
☐ Misdemeanor

- 1 ☐ Defendant—Adult
 2 ☐ Defendant—Juvenile
 3 ☐ Appellant
 4 ☐ Probation Violator
 5 ☐ Parole Violator
 6 ☐ Habeas Petitioner
 7 ☐ 2255 Petitioner
 8 ☐ Material Witness
 9 ☐ Other (Specify) _____

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS REGARDING ABILITY TO PAY

For The Northern Mariana Islands
By _____ (Deputy Clerk)

EMPLOYMENT

Are you now employed? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Am Self EmployedName and address of employer: NAIF YES, how much do you
earn per month? \$ NAIF NO, give month and year of last employment
How much did you earn per month \$ NAIf married is your Spouse employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No NAIF YES, how much does your
Spouse earn per month \$ NAIf a minor under age 21, what is your Parents or
Guardian's approximate monthly income \$ _____

OTHER INCOME

Have you received within the past 12 months any income from a business, profession or other form of self-employment, or in the form of rent payments, interest, dividends, retirement or annuity payments, or other sources? ☐ Yes ☐ NoIF YES, GIVE THE AMOUNT
RECEIVED & IDENTIFY \$ NA
THE SOURCES _____

RECEIVED

SOURCES

CASH

Have you any cash on hand or money in savings or checking account ☐ Yes ☒ No IF YES, state total amount \$ _____

PROPERTY

Do you own any real estate, stocks, bonds, notes, automobiles, or other valuable property (excluding ordinary household furnishings and clothing)? ☒ Yes ☐ NoIF YES, GIVE VALUE AND \$
DESCRIBE IT

VALUE

\$25,000

DESCRIPTION

As Perdido property approx. 900m²

DEPENDENTS

MARITAL STATUS

☐ SINGLE☐ MARRIED☐ WIDOWED☒ SEPARATED OR

DIVORCED

Total
No. of
Dependents

0

List persons you actually support and your relationship to them

NA

OBLIGATIONS
& DEBTSDEBTS &
MONTHLY
BILLS(LIST ALL CREDITORS,
INCLUDING BANKS,
LOAN COMPANIES,
CHARGE ACCOUNTS
ETC.)APARTMENT
OR HOME:

Creditors

Total Debt

Monthly Pay.

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CNMI Superior Ct. (court
fee + fine)\$ 900⁰⁰\$ 1,100⁰⁰

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SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT
(OR PERSON REPRESENTED)

I certify the above to be correct.

03/01/07

WARNING: A FALSE OR DISHONEST ANSWER TO A QUESTION IN THIS AFFIDAVIT MAY BE PUNISHABLE BY FINE OR IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH.

For The Northern Mariana Islands
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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 ANTONIO MUNA MASGA,
16 a/k/a "Tony,"

17 Defendant.
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Criminal Case No. 07-

PLEA AGREEMENT

21 Under Rule 11(c)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the UNITED
22 STATES OF AMERICA and Defendant, ANTONIO MUNA MASGA, a/k/a "Tony," have
23 reached the following agreement:

24 1. Defendant will waive indictment and plead guilty to a one-count Information,
25 which charges Defendant with a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1),
26 841(b)(1)(C), and 846, in connection with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent
27 methamphetamine in the form commonly known as "ice" from in or about August 2005 through
28 February 2006, in the District of the Northern Marianas Islands.

1 a. Defendant agrees that the time between the filing of this plea agreement
2 and the date Defendant is sentenced following the change of plea is excludable under the Speedy
3 Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161.

4 b. Upon execution of this Agreement, Defendant will cooperate with the
5 United States as follows:

6 i. Defendant will meet with government representatives as often as
7 necessary to provide information, answer questions, prepare for court or other official
8 proceedings, and such other purposes as deemed necessary by the government to fulfill his/her
9 responsibilities under this Agreement;
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11 ii. Defendant will appear and testify in any and all legal proceedings,
12 including, but not limited to, grand jury, pre-trial, trial, re-trial, and sentencing proceedings; and
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14 iii. Defendant understands that any and all statements, information,
15 and testimony that he provides must at all times be complete and truthful. If, at any time,
16 Defendant willfully provides statements, information, or testimony that is less than complete and
17 truthful, Defendant shall be subject to prosecution for doing so, including, but not limited to,
18 prosecution for making a false statement, obstruction of justice, and perjury.
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20 2. In exchange for Defendant's plea of guilty, the government will recommend that
21 the Court impose the following sentence:

22 a. The government will recommend that the Court impose a term of
23 imprisonment within the range provided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines ("U.S.S.G."
24 or "guidelines"), not including probation or a split-sentence even if provided by the guidelines,
25 provided that Defendant does not seek a sentence below the guidelines range for any reason.
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27 b. The government is free to recommend any combination and amount of
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1 supervised release, fines and restitution which it deems appropriate.

2 c. If the government, in its sole discretion, determines that Defendant has
3 provided substantial assistance in the investigation or prosecution of another person, the
4 government will file a motion under § 5K1.1 of the guidelines asking the Court to impose a
5 sentence below the guideline range. Defendant understands that the substantial assistance
6 determination is solely up to the Office of the United States Attorney. Defendant also
7 understands that the Court alone makes all sentencing decisions, including the sentence to be
8 imposed. The government makes no promise or representation about what sentence it will
9 recommend if it makes such a determination or what sentence the Court will impose.
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11 3. For purposes of determining the offense level under the guidelines:

12 a. The government agrees to recommend a two-level reduction in the offense
13 level for acceptance of responsibility under § 3E1.1(a) provided Defendant continues to
14 demonstrate acceptance of responsibility through sentencing.
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16 b. As of the date of this agreement, Defendant has timely notified authorities
17 of an intention to enter a plea of guilty. If, and only if, Defendant
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- 19 1. pleads guilty pursuant to this Agreement;
20 2. on or before the date scheduled by the Court; and
21 3. the offense level is 16 or greater; ✓
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23 the government will move the Court for an additional one-level decrease in the offense level
24 under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b)(2).
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26 c. Except as provided in paragraphs 3, the parties have made no agreement
27 concerning the guidelines or their application to this case. Both the United States and Defendant
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1 reserve their rights to argue and present evidence on all matters affecting the guidelines
2 calculation.

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4 4. Defendant understands that the guidelines are not binding on the Court. The
5 Court must consult the guidelines but they are only advisory. Defendant also understands that
6 the Court alone makes all sentencing decisions, including the application of the guidelines and
7 the sentence to be imposed. The Court is not bound by the parties' stipulations or agreements
8 concerning facts, the offense level or adjustments under the guidelines, or the government's
9 recommendations. The Court, in its discretion, may impose any reasonable sentence up to and
10 including the maximum penalties set by law after taking into account the factors enumerated in
11 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant is further advised and further understands that even if the
12 Court's guideline determinations and sentence are different that Defendant expects, Defendant
13 will not be allowed to withdraw his plea of guilty.
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16 5. The maximum statutory penalties for the offense to which Defendant is pleading
17 guilty are:

- 18 a. Twenty years' imprisonment;
19 b. a fine of \$1,000,000;
20 c. a term of supervised release of three years; and
21 d. a mandatory special assessment of \$100.
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23 6. Defendant agrees to pay the mandatory special assessment by returning this
24 signed Plea Agreement to the United States Attorney's Office along with a money order or
25 certified check, payable to the Clerk, United States District Court.
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27 7. Defendant is advised and understands that to establish a violation of Title 21,
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1 United States Code, Section 846, conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute
2 methamphetamine in the form commonly known as ice, as charged in Count One of the
3 Information, the government must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable
4 doubt:
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- 6 1. First, there was an agreement between two or more persons to distribute
7 and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine in the form
8 commonly known as ice; and
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- 10 2. Second, the defendant became a member of the conspiracy knowing of at
11 least one of its objects and intending to help accomplish it.
- 12 8. Defendant is advised and understands that he has the following rights:
13 a. the right to plead not guilty and to persist in that plea;
14 b. the right to a jury trial;
15 c. the right to be represented by counsel -- and if necessary have the Court
16 appoint counsel to represent Defendant -- at trial and every other stage of the proceeding;
17 d. the right at trial to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses;
18 e. the right at trial to compel the attendance of witnesses;
19 f. the right at trial to be protected from compelled self-incrimination;
20 g. the right at trial to testify and present evidence but only if Defendant
21 chooses to do so.
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24 Defendant is further advised and understands that, if he pleads guilty and the Court
25 accepts the plea, he waives all of these trial rights.
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- 27 9. The government reserves its full right of allocution, including the right to present
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1 any information to the Court for its consideration in fashioning an appropriate sentence, the right
2 to correct misstatements, misrepresentations, or omissions by Defendant, and to answer without
3 limitation any questions asked by the Court.
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5 10. Defendant understands that he may have the right to file a direct appeal from the
6 sentence imposed by the Court. Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to file a
7 direct appeal if the sentence imposed by the Court is within or below the guideline range.
8 Defendant further understands that other procedures may be available to challenge his conviction
9 or sentence. Defendant also knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to file post-conviction
10 relief actions, including actions under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2255 and 2241, coram nobis actions, and
11 motions to reconsider or reduce his/her sentence. This waiver, however, does not prevent
12 Defendant from challenging the effectiveness of his attorney after conviction.
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15 11. This agreement does not affect the rights or obligations of the United States as set
16 forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b), and the government retains its right to appeal any of the Court's
17 sentencing determinations.
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19 12. This agreement is binding on the government only if Defendant pleads guilty,
20 fulfills all Defendant's obligations under the agreement, does not engage in any conduct
21 constituting obstruction of justice as defined in U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1, and does not commit any new
22 offenses.
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24 13. Defendant understands that if he violates this agreement in any way, the
25 government shall consider the agreement to have been breached. In that event, Defendant shall
26 not have the right to withdraw his guilty plea. The government, however, will be released from
27 its obligations and restrictions imposed by the agreement. The government may, in its sole
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1 discretion and without limitation, proceed with any one or more of the following steps:

- 2 a. go forward with the guilty plea and sentencing;
- 3 b. make any and all sentencing recommendations that it deems appropriate;
- 4 c. treat the agreement as a nullity, that is, as though the parties had never
- 5 entered into it, withdraw the agreement, and go to trial on the indictment;
- 6 d. pursue additional charges against Defendant; and
- 7 e. use against Defendant, in this and in any other prosecution or proceeding,
- 8 any and all information, statements, and testimony – including the stipulations made in this
- 9 agreement – that he has provided at any time to government representatives, the grand jury, or to
- 10 the Court.

11 14. This agreement is limited to the District of the Northern Mariana Islands. It does

12 not bind any other federal, state, or local authorities.

13 15. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No other

14 promises or inducements have been made concerning the plea in this case. Defendant

15 acknowledges that no person has, directly or indirectly, threatened or coerced Defendant to enter

16 this agreement. Any additions, deletions, or modifications to this agreement must be made in

17 writing and signed by all the parties in order to be effective.

18 16. Defendant understands that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 3143(a)(2), she is not

19 eligible for release pending sentencing.

20 17. Counsel for Defendant states that he has read this agreement, been given a copy

21 of it for his file, explained it to Defendant, and states that to the best of Counsel's knowledge

22 and belief, Defendant understands the agreement.

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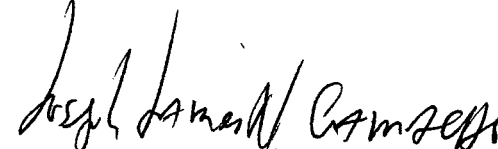
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1 18. Defendant states that he has read the agreement or has had it read to him, has
2 discussed it with his Counsel, understands it, and agrees to its provisions.
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5 DATED: 4/28/07


ANTONIO MUNA MASGA
Defendant

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8 DATED: 4/29/07


Joseph JN Camacho, Esq.
Attorney for Defendant

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12 LEONARDO M. RAPADAS
United States Attorney
13 District of the Northern Mariana Islands
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15 DATED: 4/30/07


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For The Northern Mariana Islands
By _____
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

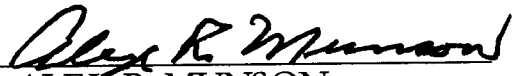
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Miscellaneous No. 07-00019
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Plaintiff)	
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v.)	ORDER GRANTING
)	MOTION TO FILE
ANTONIO MUNA MASGA,)	PLEA AGREEMENT
also known as “Tony,”)	UNDER SEAL
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Defendant)	
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BASED UPON the motion of plaintiff to file the plea agreement in this matter under seal, and good cause appearing as set forth in the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the plea agreement in this matter, and any and all related documents, including this order, be and hereby are placed under seal until

1 further order of this court.

2 DATED this 1st day of May, 2007.

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6 ALEX R. MUNSON

7 Judge
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